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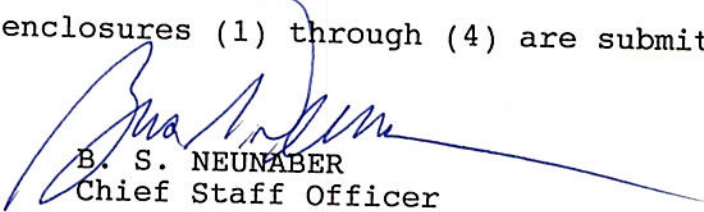
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COMATKWINGPAC COMMAND HISTORY FOR CY94

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. MISSION OF COMATKWINGPAC. The mission of Commander, Attack Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Washington (COMATKWINGPAC) is to provide the fleet with combat ready attack (VA) squadrons, trained to conduct carrier-based, all weather, attack missions as required by the fleet tactical commander.

b. Organizational Structure. COMATKWINGPAC is a subordinate commander to Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and acts as his/her representative in the functional specialty of VA matters.

c. Operational/Administrative Control. COMATKWINGPAC exercises control over one fleet replacement squadron (VA-128), five fleet squadrons (including VA-115 forward deployed in Atsugi, Japan), and the Medium Attack Weapons School Pacific. Attack squadrons currently homeported at NAS Whidbey Island are VA-52, VA-95, VA-165, and VA-196.

d. Command Title. Commander, Attack Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMATKWINGPAC) is Captain John T. Meister, USN.

2. Chronology:

JAN 94

VA-52 participated in AIR WING SLATS.

VA-52 conducted AIR WING FALLON.

Completed Post-Cruise Material Condition Inspection (MCI) on VA-95, who went on to win COMATKWINGPAC Tactical Exercise (TACEX) for Jan 1994.

VA-95 qualified two NVG crews.

VA-95 Post-Cruise Debrief.

VA-196 Command Review by COMATKWINGPAC.

VA-115 participated in OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH.

VA-165 Carrier Qualification (CQ) onboard USS KITTY HAWK.

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JAN 94 (CONT'D):

Participated in combined U.S. and Canadian War at Sea Exercise.

Performed Aviation Maintenance Evaluation (AME) re-inspection on VA-196.

Performed post-cruise Material Condition Inspection (MCI) on VA-95.

CAWP N4 representative attended A-6 Distribution/Integrated Logistics Support Management Team (ILSMT) in New Orleans, LA.

CAWP N4 representative attended Supplemental Drive-In-Mod (SDIM) conference at Grumman St. Augustine Corporation (GSAC) in St. Augustine, FL.

Transactioned CVW-15 to Lot 4 A/A42R-1 Aerial Refueling Stores.

Issued Chin-Nap Strap Kit to squadrons.

Started issuing night attack helmets (HGU-85) to squadrons.

TADS III ADI/DRDC assets (AFC-631) incorporated into VA-196 aircraft. AVCAL for respective carrier supported concurrently.

Courtesy Maintenance Program Assist (MPA) visit on VX-5 logs and records.

Completed swapout of depot re-worked A/D Converters P/N 1219C601-1 for VA-196 and USS CARL VINSON.

Conducted organizational level GBU-24 laser guided bomb training.

Provided VA-196 pre-cruise RMK-31 tow target training.

Site survey conducted on the USS CARL VINSON for TOPSCENE installation.

Maintenance briefed COMNAVAIRPAC A-6 Readiness Officer on the TOPSCENE program.

Introduced laptop computer for SLAM.

Provided training to NAS Whidbey Island AIMD 700 Division on HERO.

Set up SDIM schedule.

JAN 94 (CONT'D):

Leading edge damaged on VA-115 aircraft BUNO 157024. Worked with NADEP NORVA to provide new leading edge, saving aircraft from being stricken.

FEB 94

Coordinated incorporation of AFB-532 on four aircraft.

China Lake (NAWC) briefed on E-270 software change.

Captain Meister attended transition selection board at the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Captain Meister attended COMNAVAIRPAC Aviation Commander's Conference at NAS North Island.

MAWSPAC BOMBEX.

VA-52 CWTPI/COMPTUEX/AME/ITA/FLEETEX A.

VA-95 conducted Close Air Support (CAS) detachments with live ordnance to El Centro.

14 aircrews in VA-115 were qualified in mining.

VA-165 participated in RED FLAG exercises.

VA-196 deployed to WESTPAC on USS CARL VINSON.

SARDIP two aircraft at VA-128.

Conducted VA-52 MPA re-inspection.

Hosted the A/A42R-1 ARS program review.

Courtesy AME on COMVAQWINGPAC.

CWTPI on VA-52.

N4 representative attended SLAM OAG at Pt. Mugu, CA.

Received the only West Coast CATM-65E Laser Maverick missile.

Provided MAWS/CATM-65E Laser Maverick and two CATM-65F IR Maverick missiles for joint Navy/Air Force Weapons System Performance Review.

FEB 94 (CONT'D):

Conferred with Puget Sound Naval Shipyard for the planning and installation of TOPSCENE systems aboard naval vessels.

Installed a TOPSCENE unit and held user training aboard USS CARL VINSON.

Provided Advanced Technical Training Program (ATTP) for all VAQ squadrons concerning HARM, Chaff, and release and control systems checks.

Incorporated Night Vision Imaging System (NVIS, AFC 728/AVC 4291) modification in four A-6 aircraft.

VA-52 AME.

Maintenance Officer attended COMNAVAIRPAC Organizational Maintenance-level Executive Steering Committee conference.

MAR 94

VA-95 command review by COMATKWINGPAC.

VA-95 participated in LOBO FLAG at NAS Point Mugu.

VA-95 conducted DESERT FIREX at NAF El Centro, also participated successfully in buddy control of AGM-62 WALL EYE launched by VFA-94 and controlled by an A-6E.

VA-115 returned from WESTPAC deployment on USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62).

Incorporated NVIS modification in four A-6 aircraft.

Set up Boeing field team mod for incorporation of ECP 510-5075/5082/5084.

COMNAVAIRPAC command review of COMATKWINGPAC.

VA-128 MPA.

Provided training on Support Equipment (SE) Training and Licensing Program to VA-128 supervisors and CPO's.

Transitioned CVW-5 to lot 4 A/A42R-1 Aerial Refueling Stores.

Made modifications to the Laser Safety Program relevant to organization maintenance.

MAR 94 (CONT'D):

N4 representative attended Silicon Graphics, Inc. factory training for the ONYX and CHALLENGE computer systems in Mountain View, CA.

VP-40 training on MAVERICK, HARPOON, SLAM and SLAM ER.

VA-95 training on the Laser Guided Training Round (LGTR).

APR 94

Captain Meister attended the VA-128 VISWEPS Det at NAF El Centro, CA.

CAWP Sailor of the Quarter, 1st Quarter, AMS1(AW) (b)(6).

COMATKWINGPAC semi-annual PRT.

VA-52 participated in FLEETEX B/C on board USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63).

VA-95 Enhanced Combined Air Exercise (ECAX) at MCEF 29 Palms, CA.

VA-95 launch of IR MAVERICK Missile.

VA-115 KADENA BATTLE GROUP MISSILEX, CVW-5.

VA-165 conducted ROVING SANDS detachment and qualified 4 NVG crews.

VA-196 participated in OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH.

Incorporated NVIS mod in four A-6 aircraft.

COMNAVAIRPAC AMMT conducted AME inspection on VA-128/CAWP.

Hosted ESD training for squadron reps, AIMD, and NAMTD personnel provided by COMNAVAIRPAC.

Staff personnel SARDIP VA-196 aircraft BUNO 160995 at NAS North Island.

Coordinated RISK-7/SKU-12A seat pan swap-out.

TADS III ADI/DRDC assets incorporated into VA-52 aircraft. AVCAL for respective carrier supported concurrently.

CLC Block IV software and missiles introduced to fleet.

APR 94 (CONT'D):

Attended SLAM/HARPOON Training Systems Review in St. Louis, MO.

Attended weapons test equipment conference in Indianapolis, IN.

Received eight CATM-88 BK4 HARM missiles.

Procured Missile Interface Unit (MIU) equipment for USS CONSTELLATION.

Provided training to NAS Whidbey Island AIMD 700 Division on HERO and troubleshooting/repair of the THU-12E RMK-31 tow reel rewind stand.

MAY 94

Captain Meister attended the 1994 Aviation Command Screen Board (ACSB).

COMATKWINGPAC annual personnel inspection.

VA-52 POM period May.

VA-95 SEA TRIALS on board USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72).

VA-115 conducted FCLP detachment at NAF Iwo Jima, CQ underway.

VA-115 participated in RIMPAC '94.

VA-115 performed HARPOON Missile shoot.

VA-165 ROVING SANDS det.

VA-196 OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH.

Incorporated NVIS mod in one A-6 aircraft.

Site visit to GSAC by Assist Maintenance Officer and Maintenance Master Chief (b) (6) resolved scheduling/delivery problems of DIM/SDIM aircraft.

VA-52 pre-cruise MCI.

N4 representative attended TACAIR Electronic Warfare ILSMT in Jacksonville, FL.

MAY 94 (CONT'D):

Operational Action Group/Executive Team Meeting (OAG/ETM) held at NASWI.

Completed swap-out of depot re-worked A/D converters P/N 1219C601-1 in VA-52 and USS KITTY HAWK.

Conducted CWTPI, Medium Attack Weapons Detachment, El Centro, CA.

N4 representative attended Aviation Ordnance Quality Management Board (NOQMB) at NAS Memphis, TN.

Hosted NAWCACDIV for AWM-92 validation for all A-6 and EA-6B squadrons.

N4 representative attended an information and informal training session with the TOPSCENE manufacturer in Arlington, TX.

JUN 94

Captain Meister attended an COMNAVAIRPAC Commander's brief at NAS North Island.

VA-52 WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT commenced.

VA-95 TSTA I/II.

VA-115 RIMPAC.

VA-165 command review by COMATKWINGPAC.

VA-165 WASEX.

VA-196 OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH.

Incorporated NVIS mod in five A-6 aircraft. First deployment of NVIS equipped A-6 aircraft aboard USS INDEPENDENCE.

COMATKWINGPAC participated in American Cancer Society Walk-a-thon. Maintenance Department fielded a team named "The Wingnuts."

N4 representative attended Electronic Warfare support equipment ILSMT in Nashua, NH.

N4 representative attended the A/A42R-1 ARS program review at NAS North Island.

JUN 94 (CONT'D):

Turned over responsibility of the Shop Towel Program to Supply Department ASD NASWI.

TADS III ADI/DRCS assets incorporated into VA-95 aircraft. AVCAL for respective carrier supported concurrently.

Briefed CNO Code N889F on status of TOPSCENE program.

Coordinated crossdeck of TOPSCENE unit from USS CARL VINSON to USS KITTY HAWK.

Updated training materials on EA-6B HARM, A-6 SWIP Electric Fuzing and A-6 IMER/ITER Interface.

Reviewed RMK-31/34 A-6 Interface.

Missile Assist Team (MAT) support to VA-52 for SLAM shoot.

JUL 94

CDR W. E. West, COMATKWINGPAC Chief Staff Officer, relieved by CDR B. S. Neunaber.

CAWP Sailor of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter, AK2(AW) (b) (6)

VA-52 successfully fired ATM-9H, scoring a direct hit.

VA-95 participated in Medium Attack Advanced Readiness Program (MAARP), Fallon, NV.

VA-115 sent 3 crews to NAS Whidbey Island, WA for NVG training.

VA-165 AGM-65F Missile Exercise with the Medium Attack Weapons School.

VA-165 participated with USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) at SEAFAIR, Seattle WA.

Incorporated NVIS mod in one A-6 aircraft.

Performed MPA on VA-95.

Coordinated station-wide FOD walk down with NAS Whidbey Island.

J52 Component Improvement Program (CIP) held at Pratt and Whitney, West Palm Beach, FL.

JUL 94 (CONT'D):

Provided AIRTASK information to NASC PMA205-3B2 for TOPSCENE AIRTASK for FY95.

Provided an ATTP class to VA-128.

AUG 94

Captain Meister attended the MAARP Det (VA-95) at NAS Fallon.

RADM Bennett met with all NAS Whidbey Island CO's & XO's.

VA-95 TSTA III on board USS LINCOLN (CVN-72).

VA-128 moved from Hangar 6 to Hangar 12 at NAS Whidbey Island.

CDR J. F. Kilkenny relieved CDR R. R. NOBLE as CO, VA-196.

VA-165 participated with USS LINCOLN (CVN-72) at SEAFAIR, Seattle.

VA-196 returned from WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT.

Conducted ground checks on E250.02 program.

Three A-6E departed on TRANSPAC to VA-115, Atsugi, Japan.

VA-95 MPA re-inspection.

Transitioned CVW-9 to Lot 4 A/A42R-1 Aerial Refueling Stores.

Installed TOPSCENE on USS KITTY HAWK at Yokosuka, Japan.

Inspected TALD assets, CATM's at NASWI Weapons to verify proper inerting in response to EI.

Conducted RMK-34 A-6 SWIP interface verification and RMK-34 OPEVAL.

CWTPI on VA-128.

Received four new AWW-13 data link pods.

COMATKWINGPAC support to VA-115 for SLAM shoot.

Conducted HARPOON training for USS HARRY HALL.

Conducted training on SLAM and HARPOON at NWS Yorktown.

SEP 94

Maintenance Officer attended AIRPAC Organizational Maintenance level ESC.

Captain Meister attended the Junior Officer Transition Selection Board at the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Captain Meister attended COMNAVAIRPAC Commander's Conference at NAS North Island.

Captain Meister attended the VISWEPS Det at NAF El Centro.

VA-95 CVW 11 Fallon weapons detachment.

CDR D. A. Kuntz relieved CDR R. O. McHarg as CO, VA-115.

VA-115 participated in Medium Attack Advanced Readiness Program (MAARP), in Guam.

CDR R. P. Stites relieved CDR J. A. Symonds as CO, VA-165.

VA-165 El Centro detachment.

CDR J. F. Kilkenny relieved CDR R. R. Noble as CO, VA-196.

Incorporated NVIS mod in three A-6 aircraft.

Received last SDIM aircraft.

Boeing field team completed incorporation of ECP 510-5075/5082/5084.

N4 representative attended A/A42R-1 ARS program review at NAS Cecil Field.

Coordinated financial seminar for all financial managers and supervisors at NASWI. Training conducted by DAO-CL, San Diego.

CWTPI on VA-128.

Completed RMK-34 A-6 SWIP interface verification and RMK-34 OPEVAL.

COMATKWINGPAC support to VA-95 for HARPOON missile shoot.

Conducted training for West Lock, HI on SLAM and HARPOON.

SEP 94 (CONT'D):

Hosted NAWC Indianapolis personnel in support of end-item user input on the AERO-7B-3, NWW-B, DSM-77 and AIC-14.

Conducted training on MSTs bench at NWS Yorktown on SLAM and HARPOON.

OCT 94

COMATKWINGPAC moved from Hangar 6 to Building 108, NAS Whidbey Island.

Intruder of the Year awards ceremony.

Intruder Derby Week/Intruder Ball.

Intruder of the Year selectees:

- (1) Maint Dept Chief Petty Officer - AFM(AW) (b) (6) VA-52
- (2) Maint Control Chief Petty Officer - ATCS (b) (6) VA-196
- (3) Line/Troubleshooter - AMS1(AW) (b) (6) VA-196
- (4) Avionics/Armament - AT1 (b) (6) VA-196
- (5) Aircraft - AMS1 (b) (6) VA-196
- (6) Corrosion Control - AMS1(AW) (b) (6) VA-165
- (7) Maint Admin - AZ2(AW) (b) (6) VA-128
- (8) Quality Assurance - AMH1(AW) (b) (6) VA-196
- (9) Instructor - AD1(AW) (b) (6)
- (10) Career Counselor - AMCS(AW) (b) (6) VA-95
- (11) Administration - YN1(SW) (b) (6) VA-128
- (12) Intelligence - IS3 (b) (6), VA-52

Captain Meister attended the Strike Warfare Executive Seminar (SWES) at NAS Fallon.

VA-95 COMPTUEX on board USS LINCOLN (CVN-72).

VA-115 A-6E aircraft crashed into mountain side on a low level route in Japan, aircraft destroyed, two fatalities. Class "A" Flight Mishap.

VA-115 Transpac 3 A-6E aircraft from Atsugi Japan to NAS Whidbey Island WA.

VA-115 NATOPS Unit EVAL conducted.

VA-165 participated in RED FLAG.

Intruder Derby conducted. VA-196 Derby winner.

OCT 94 (CONT'D)

Incorporated NVIS mod in two A-6 aircraft.

VA-115 TRANSPACed three non-DIM aircraft to NASWI.

VA-196 post-cruise MCI.

Initiated SARDIP of three A-6 aircraft.

Completed swapout of depot re-worked A/D Converters P/N 1219C601-1 in VA-165 aircraft and for USS NIMITZ.

Co-hosted J52 Maintenance Engineering Logistics Review (MELR) at NASWI.

N4 representative attended 15th annual National Aerospace FOD Conference.

TADS III ADI/DRDC assets incorporated into VA-115 aircraft. AVCAL for respective carrier supported concurrently.

VA-95 CWTPI.

Received seven CATM-65E Maverick missiles from NAS Lemoore and two CATM-65E Maverick missiles from NAS Fallon in support of annual Intruder Bombing Derby competition.

Hosted COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PMA-205 visit to discuss weapons training issues.

TOPSCENE pre-installation site survey on the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Conducted training for NASWI AIMD 700 Division on HERO.

Set up SLAM training program for MCAS Beaufort.

NOV 94

Captain Meister, Commander Neunaber attended a TACAIR Conference at NAS North Island.

Captain Meister attended the VA-115 Command Review at NAF Atsugi, Japan.

MCI on VA-115.

MPA/MCI visit on VA-115.

NOV 94 (CONT'D):

COMATKWINGPAC semi-annual PRT.

VA-52 coordinated MINEX in Chinhae mining area and Kadena strike/DACM det.

BUPERS liaison visit to Washington D.C. by Maintenance Master Chief.

Hosted CFA maintenance awareness training on J52 lube system.

Completed incorporation of E250.02 in all CAWP A-6 aircraft.

A-6 DSDC procurement and repair contract closed.

Provided weapons systems training to VA-115 in Atsugi, Japan.

VA-95 CWTPI reinspection.

N4 representative attended the post award in process review for the TOPSCENE new production.

Reviewed preliminary maintenance and operators manuals for the TOPSCENE system.

Conducted training for Mobile Missile Maintenance Unit (MMMU-1) on SLAM and HARPOON.

DEC 94

CAWP Sailor of the Quarter, 4th Quarter:

Senior - AK1(AW) (b) (6)

Junior - YN3 (b) (6)

CAWP Staff Sailor of the Year - AMS1(AW) (b) (6)

CAWP Shore Sailor of the Year - YN1(SW) (b) (6) - VA-128.

CAWP Sea Sailor of the Year - AE1(AW) (b) (6) - VA-52.

VA-52 returned from WESTPAC on board USS KITTY HAWK.

CDR P. N. Vandenberg relieved CDR G. L. Nicholson as CO, VA-95.

VA-115 AQM-37 MISSILEX Kadena AB, Okinawa.

VA-165 and VA-196 participated in SQUADEX 94 with the Canadian Air Force and Navy.

DEC 94 (CONT'D):

Last SDIM aircraft completed.

N4 representative attended A/A42R-1 ARS program review at NAS North Island.

N4 representative attended Structural Data Recorder Set (SDRS) ILSMT at NAS Miramar.

N4 representative attended A-6 drawdown conference at AMARC, Davis Monthan AFB.

Incorporated E250.02 into NSWC Fallon A-6 aircraft.

Granted VA-115 "one-time" approval to teach laser safety to their AT (NEC 8331) personnel.

COMATKWINGPAC Weapons Division relocated from Hangar 6 to Hangar 9.

Hosted NADC Indianapolis rep who conducted EI of VA-128 failed ACU.

Conducted training for VA-115 on all A-6 weapons systems.

Conducted SLAM training at MCAS Beaufort for F/A-18 aircraft.

NOTE: May-Dec accepted 19 aircraft from East Coast squadrons via SDIM at GSAC. Transferred 20 metal wing aircraft to AMARC, Tucson, AZ. Saved millions of dollars in AVDLR funds by transferring engines from stricken A-6 aircraft to NASWI.

Additional Accomplishments. The COMATKWINGPAC TAD Department supported COMATKWINGPAC as well as COMVAQWINGPAC. Specific accomplishments for 1994 include:

- Provided technical expertise to all VA and VAQ squadrons assigned. Assisted CAG supported squadrons with TAD orders, training, input for travel orders to DFAS San Diego.

- Managed TADTAR OPTAR grants totaling over 1.5 million dollars.

3. Narrative:

Commander, Attack Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet exercises control over all west coast A-6E squadrons. Each of these squadrons submits its own squadron history, so individual squadron accomplishments are not described here.

The focus of effort for COMATKWINGPAC this year was to keep the A-6E and it's aircrew the best maintained and trained in the fleet.

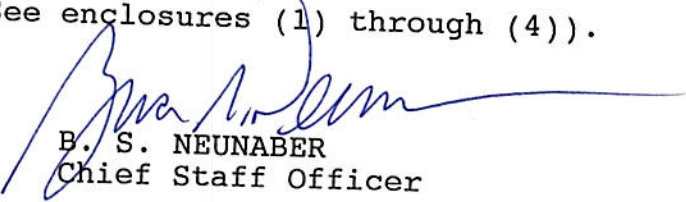
In 1994, a big emphasis was placed on the transfer of personnel and the ability to keep the A-6E manning percentages high. Much attention was given to transition boards as numerous aircrew were selected to transfer to different aircraft communities.

As A-6E aircraft were transported to various sites around the country for either war reserve preservation or transformation into spare parts and scrap metal, the COMATKWINGPAC maintenance department saw that there was never a shortfall in meeting fleet requirements for parts or aircraft support.

The 1994 Intruder Derby was the last aircraft bombing competition flown with all competing squadrons during the same week. Due to decommissionings and deployment schedules, the 1995 Intruder Derby was modified to be flown when each squadron desired between 01 January and late summer 1995.

COMATKWINGPAC moved from Hangar 6 to building 108 on NAS Whidbey Island to help accommodate the homeport change of VQ-1.

4. Supporting Documents: (See enclosures (1) through (4)).


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Chief Staff Officer

Captain John Thomas Meister

United States Navy

John T. Meister attended West Babylon High School, New York and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1971 with a B.S. in Management.

Captain Meister's initial assignment was aboard USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG-2). He reported for flight training at NAS Pensacola, Florida in March 1972 and was designated a Naval Aviator in August 1973. His initial aviation assignment was to Training Squadron SEVEN as a flight instructor in the TA-4J Skyhawk. In September 1975 he was ordered to Attack Squadron FORTY-TWO at NAS Oceana, Virginia for A-6 familiarization training. He was then assigned to Attack Squadron SIXTY-FIVE in September 1976 and deployed to the Mediterranean aboard USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62) and USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69).

In March 1979, Captain Meister again reported to Attack Squadron FORTY-TWO as Carrier Qualification Phase Head and Syllabus Analyst. He attended the Armed Forces Staff College in January 1982 and, following a brief refresher at Attack Squadron FORTY-TWO, reported to Attack Squadron SEVENTY-FIVE in September 1982. He deployed to the Mediterranean aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) and USS EISENHOWER (CVN-69) in support of the Multinational Peacekeeping Force, Beirut.

In May 1985, Captain Meister reported to Commander, Medium Attack Wing ONE, where he was designated the first Officer-in-Charge of the Medium Attack Tactical Employment School and honored as the 1985 Intruder of the Year. He assumed command of Attack Squadron SEVENTY-FIVE in April 1988. Following a brief assignment at Commander, Tactical Wings Atlantic as Assistant Chief of Staff for Readiness, he assumed command of Attack Squadron FORTY-TWO, the east coast Intruder Fleet Replacement Squadron, in December 1989. In July 1991, he reported to the Pentagon as the A-6 Requirements Officer and in September 1993, Captain Meister assumed command of the Attack Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington.

Captain Meister has over 3500 hours in the A-6 Intruder and is a veteran of over 880 carrier landings. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Captain Meister is married to the former (b) (6) of (b) (6). They reside in (b) (6) with their children, (b) (6).

